112TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 1672

To expand the research and awareness activities of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to scleroderma, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 2, 2011

Mrs. Capps (for herself and Mr. Terry) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

- To expand the research and awareness activities of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to scleroderma, and for other purposes.
 - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
 - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
 - 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
 - 4 This Act may be cited as the "Scleroderma Research
 - 5 and Awareness Act of 2011".

1	SEC. 2. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ARTHRITIS AND MUS-						
2	CULOSKELETAL AND SKIN DISEASES;						
3	SCLERODERMA RESEARCH EXPANSION.						
4	Part B of title IV of the Public Health Service Act						
5	(42 U.S.C. 284 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end						
6	the following:						
7	"SEC. 409K. SCLERODERMA RESEARCH.						
8	"The Director of NIH may expand, intensify, and co-						
9	ordinate the activities of the National Institutes of Health						
10	with respect to scleroderma, with particular emphasis on						
11	the following:						
12	"(1) Research focused on the etiology of						
13	scleroderma and the development of new treatment						
14	options.						
15	"(2) Clinical research to evaluate new treat-						
16	ments options.						
17	"(3) Basic research on the relationship between						
18	scleroderma and secondary conditions such as pul-						
19	monary hypertension, gastroparesis, Raynaud's phe-						
20	nomenon, Sjögren's Syndrome, and other diseases as						
21	determined by the Director.".						
22	SEC. 3. PROMOTING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF						
23	SCLERODERMA.						
24	Part P of title III of the Public Health Service Act						
25	(42 U.S.C. 280g et seq.) is amended by adding at the end						
26	the following:						

"SEC. 399V	V-6. P	ROMOTIN	IG PUBL	IC A	WARENESS	OF
SCLERODERMA.						
"The	Secreta	ary may	carry out	an eo	ducational e	am-
paign to in	crease	public av	vareness (of scle	roderma. P	rint,
video, and	Web-b	ased mat	terials dis	tribute	ed through	this
campaign n	nay inc	lude—				
"	(1) bas	sic inform	nation on	scler	oderma and	l its
sympto	oms; ar	nd				
"	(2) info	ormation	on—			
	"(A) the i	incidence	and	prevalence	of
SO	clerodei	rma;				
	"(B	3) disease	es and con	dition	s affiliated	with
SO	clerodei	rma; or				
	"(C) the imp	portance o	of earl	y diagnosis	and
tı	eatmer	nt of scle	roderma.'	· .		
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